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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN MARGARITA BAEZ CASE

REF: STATE 50854

1. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES, A MARIA MARGARITA BAEZ ROMERO WAS ARRESTED ON AUGUST 16, 1976 AT ZEBALLOS-CUE WHILE DISTRIBUTING COMMUNIST LITERATURE, INCLUDING THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE OUTLAWED PARAGUAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY, "ADELANTE". SHE WAS RELEASED FROM DETENTION ON DECEMBER 31, 1976. THOUGH ASKED, OFFICIAL SOURCES PROVIDED NO INFORMATION ON HER PHYSICAL CONDITION OR WHETHER SHE HAD BEEN TORTURED.

2. A RELIABLE NON-OFFICIAL SOURCE INTERVIEWED BY THE EMBASSY STATED THAT RELATIVES OF MARGARITA BAEZ AND HER FELLOW INMATES TOLD HIM THAT SHE SAID SHE HAD BEEN TORTURED SEVERELY AND AS A RESULT REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION IN THE POLICE CLINIC. THIS SOURCE REPORTS THAT THE CHILD SHE BORE WHILE IN DETENTION WAS NOT AFFECTED BY HER MISTREATMENT. FOLLOWING HER RELEASE ON DECEMBER 31, SOURCE REPORTS THAT SHE RETURNED TO HER HOMETOWN OF CARAPEGUA.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY DRAW ON FOREGOING AS APPROPRIATE IN REPLYING TO CONGRESSMAN.

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